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For: DIGITAL MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- [XX] 23 pages of specification: 12 pages description; 10 pages claims; 1 page abstract.
- [XX] 3 sheets of drawing(s) including FIGURES 1-3.
- [XX] A Declaration for Patent Application.
- [XX] An Assignment of the invention to Z-KAT INC. (Small Entity).
- [XX] Applicant hereby claims Small Entity Status (see 37 CFR 1.27).
- [XX] A Request & Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- [XX] Utility Patent Application Initial Information Data Sheet.
- [] A Form PTO-1449 and references.

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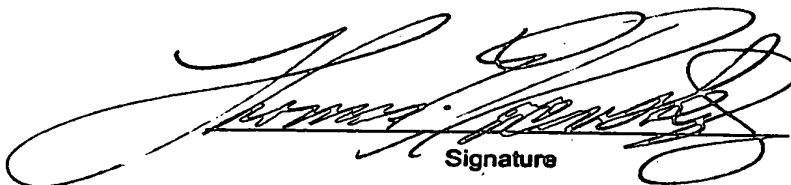
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